

REMARKS

Consideration of the amendments to the application is respectfully requested. The amendments are made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121. No new matter has been entered.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-47 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-47 stand rejected.

Claims 1, 7-12, 14-17, 20, 21, 24, 27, 28-32, 34, 35, 40, 41, and 43-45 have been amended.

Claims

Claim Objections

Regarding paragraph 1, Claim 20 has been amended to remove the stated informalities. Accordingly, the objection to Claim 20 should be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

Regarding paragraphs 2 and 3, Claims 8 and 41 have been amended to correct antecedent basis of the terms set forth by the Examiner.

Additionally, Claim 31 has been amended to remove the term "intelligently".

Accordingly, in view of the amendments to Claim 8, 31 and 41, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph should be withdrawn.

**Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being
anticipated by Himmel et al. (US 6,211,874)**

Regarding paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 1, 7, 8, 12-15, 18-24 and 26 as being anticipated by Himmel et al. (US 6,211,874). Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the inventive features of the present invention.

Claim 1 now reads:

1. *A system for selecting and simultaneously displaying a plurality of digitally stored objects, comprising:*
means for displaying digitally stored objects via a webpage;
means for selecting on said webpage a plurality of the displayed digitally stored objects, each displayed digitally stored object having at least one dynamically linked associated destination object; and
means for retrieving the at least one dynamically linked destination object for each selected one of the plurality of the displayed digitally stored objects together from a storage medium and then simultaneously displaying together the retrieved destination objects for viewing. (Emphasis added)

Himmel et al. does not teach the above emphasized claim language.

Applicant's Invention:

Applicant's invention provides a selection box for each linked object. Therefore, the viewer can select multiple objects on the webpage so that the selected objects are retrieved together and displayed together. This eliminates the need to switch back and forth to make comparisons or just to view selected subject matter.

Himmel's Invention:

Himmel et al. displays a plurality of hypertext links in FIG. 5A. In FIG. 5C, Himmel illustrates a display of individual pages for each selected link. Since, Himmel **does not** allow a plurality of the hypertext links to be selected all at once, the invention by Himmel **does not** retrieve the selected objects "*together.*" Moreover, the selected objects are not "*simultaneously*"

displayed “together.” Instead, they are displayed one by one and overlaid upon the other.

Accordingly, in view of the above remarks, Claim 1 is allowable over the prior art of record and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) should be withdrawn.

Regarding Claims 2-26, Claims 2-26 depend from Claim 1. For the reasons set forth above with regard to Claim 1, such claims are also allowable over the prior art of record and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) should be withdrawn.

**Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being
unpatentable over Himmel et al. (US 6,211,874)**

Regarding paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 16, 17 and 25 as being unpatentable over Himmel et al. (US 6,211,874). In view of the amendments to Claim 1 from which Claims 16-17 and 25 depend, Himmel et al. and the modification thereto does not teach the claimed invention.

In view of the amendments to Claims 16-17 and 25, such claims are allowable over the prior art of record and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) should be withdrawn.

**Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being
unpatentable over Himmel et al. (US 6,211,874) in view of Kaply (US 6,215,490)**

Regarding paragraph 8 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 2-5, 27, 29, 30, 32-34 and 40-43 as being unpatentable over Himmel et al. (US 6,211,874) in view of Kaply (US 6,215,490).

Regarding Claim 27, Claim 27 reads as follows:

27. *A method for selecting and simultaneously displaying a plurality of digitally stored objects, comprising the steps of:
displaying a two dimensional array of digitally stored objects;*

selecting a plurality of digitally stored objects from the two dimensional array of digitally stored objects, wherein each one of the selected plurality of digitally stored objects has at least one dynamically linked associated destination object;

after the selecting step, retrieving the at least one dynamically linked destination object associated for each one of the selected plurality of digitally stored objects all together; and

simultaneously displaying all together each one of the retrieved associated destination objects.

The combination of Himmel et al. in view of Kaply **does not** teach the above emphasized claim language. In addition to the remarks set forth above in relation to Claim 1, neither Himmel et al. nor Kaply provide for “retrieving ... *for each one of the selected plurality of digitally stored objects all together*” and “*simultaneously displaying all together each one of the retrieved associated destination objects.*” Neither Himmel et al. nor Kaply describe any mechanism to select multiple dynamically linked associated destination objects so that the selection can be retrieved and displayed all together.

Accordingly, in view of the above remarks, Claim 27 is allowable over the prior art of record and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) should be withdrawn.

Regarding Claims 27-31, Claims 27-31 depend from Claim 27. For the reasons set forth above with regard to Claim 27, such claims are also allowable over the prior art of record and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) should be withdrawn.

Regarding Claim 32, Claim 32 reads as follows:

32. *A system for displaying content viewed on a display device, comprising:*

an electronic document page displaying simultaneously together a plurality of scrolling sub-framed arrays, each sub-framed array containing a plurality of thumbnails, each sub-framed array able to be independently and selectively stopped and scrolled at a selective speed by a viewer or website operator.

Himmel et al. displays a plurality of hypertext links in FIG. 5A. In FIG. 5C, Himmel et al. illustrates a display of individual pages for each selected link. The selected objects **are not** “*simultaneously*” displayed “*together*.” Instead, they are displayed one by one and overlaid upon the other. Kaply like Himmel et al. **does not** display simultaneously together the plurality of scrolling sub-framed arrays. Instead, they are displayed overlaid upon the other.

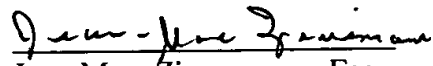
Accordingly, in view of the above remarks, Claim 32 is allowable over the prior art of record and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) should be withdrawn.

Regarding Claims 33-47, Claims 33-47 depend from Claim 32. For the reasons set forth above with regard to Claim 32, such claims are also allowable over the prior art of record and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, the Applicant believes that they have overcome all of the examiner's basis for rejection, and that this application therefore stands in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner is of the opinion that such action can not be taken, the Applicant requests that he contact their undersigned attorney at (908) 654-8000 in order to resolve any outstanding issues without the necessity of issuing another Office Action.

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The marked up version of the amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(ii) includes the following:

Marked-Up Version of Amendment

1. (AMENDED) A system for selecting and simultaneously displaying a plurality of digitally stored objects, comprising:

means for displaying digitally stored objects via a webpage;

means for selecting on said webpage a plurality of the displayed digitally stored objects, each displayed digitally stored object having at least one dynamically linked associated destination object; and

means for retrieving the at least one dynamically linked destination object [associated with] for each [one of] selected one of the plurality of the displayed digitally stored objects together from a storage medium and then simultaneously displaying together the retrieved destination objects for viewing.

7. (AMENDED) The system according to Claim 1, further comprising means for sub-framing information associated with the selected plurality of digitally stored [data] objects.

8. (AMENDED) The system according to Claim [1] 7, wherein the sub-framing means [include] includes a horizontal dynamic scroll bar and a vertical dynamic scroll bar that allow an orderly arrangement and presentation of textural information.

9. (AMENDED) The system according to Claim 1, wherein:

the selection means [include] includes a different check box associated with each one of

the plurality of digitally stored objects; [and]

the retrieval means [include] includes a submit button[,];

each one of the plurality of displayed digitally stored [and presented] objects [being] adapted to be selected one at a time by using a computer input device to select a different check box such that a check appears in the check box[,]; and

invoking the submit button [being invoked] using the computer input device [to retrieve and simultaneously display] retrieves together and simultaneously displays together the associated destination objects.

10. (AMENDED) The system according to Claim 1, wherein:

the selection means [include] includes a different check box associated with each one of the plurality of digitally stored objects; [and]

the retrieval means includes a “go” button[,];

each one of the plurality of displayed digitally stored [and presented] objects [being] adapted to be selected one at a time by using a computer input device to select a different check box such that a check appears in the check box[,]; and

invoking the “go” button [is then invoked] using the computer input device [to retrieve and simultaneously display] retrieves together and simultaneously displays together the associated destination objects.

11. (AMENDED) The system according to Claim [1] 10, wherein single clicking on the selected check box de-selects [the] a link to the associated destination object so that the check box reverts to being unchecked indicating that the associated destination object is un-selected.

12. (AMENDED) The system according to Claim 1, wherein:
the selection means is adapted to select each selected displayed digitally stored object of
[are employed and the retrieval means are invoked using a computer mouse having a button,] the
selected plurality of displayed digitally stored objects [being selected] one at a time by pointing
to a different link-token associated with each different one of the plurality of displayed digitally
stored objects and, after all of the selected plurality of displayed digitally stored objects have
been selected, single clicking [the] a computer mouse button[, and then after all of the plurality
of digitally stored objects have been selected,]; and

double clicking the computer mouse button [to retrieve and simultaneously display]
retrieves together and simultaneously displays together the associated destination objects.

14. (AMENDED) The system according to Claim 13, wherein each one of the selected
[links] link-tokens changes to a third color when a browser returns to [the] a list of the plurality
of digitally stored objects from the retrieved and simultaneously displayed associated destination
objects.

15. (AMENDED) The system according to Claim 13, wherein single clicking on the
selected [link] link-token de-selects the [link] link-token so that the [link] link-token reverts to
the first color indicating the de-selection of the [link] link-token.

16. (AMENDED) The system according to Claim 1, wherein the selection means [are
employed and the retrieval means are invoked using a computer mouse having a first button and

a second button,] comprises:

means for selecting the plurality of digitally stored objects [being selected] one at a time by pointing to and clicking on a different link-token associated with each different one of the plurality of digitally stored objects[; and

means for clicking the first computer mouse button while holding down the second computer mouse button, and then after all of the plurality of digitally stored objects have been selected, clicking the first computer mouse button without holding the second computer mouse button to retrieve and simultaneously display the associated destination objects].

17. (AMENDED) The system according to Claim 16, wherein each one of the associated link tokens is a first color and each time one of the plurality of digitally stored objects is selected [by clicking a computer mouse button,] the first color changes to a second color to indicate the selection of the digitally stored object.

20. (AMENDED) The system according to Claim 18, wherein when the computer input device is used to invoke a second one of the retrieved associated destination objects simultaneously displayed for viewing, the first destination object returns to the same smaller size of the other simultaneously displayed destination objects and the second destination object is made larger [then] than the other simultaneously displayed destination objects.

21. (AMENDED) The system according to Claim 18, wherein each one of the different associated link-tokens is a first color and each time one of the [plurality of] digitally stored objects is selected using a computer input device, the first color changes to a second color to

indicate the selection of the digitally stored object, and wherein the second color [each one of the selected links] changes to a third color when a browser returns to [the] a list of the [plurality of] displayed digitally stored objects from the retrieved and simultaneously displayed associated destination objects.

24. (AMENDED) The system according to Claim 1, wherein the system is used [on] with a CD-ROM.

27. (AMENDED) A method for selecting and simultaneously displaying a plurality of digitally stored objects, comprising the steps of:

displaying a two dimensional array of digitally stored objects;

selecting a plurality of digitally stored objects from [a] the two dimensional array of digitally stored objects, wherein each one of the selected plurality of digitally stored objects has at least one dynamically linked associated destination object;

after the selecting step, retrieving the at least one dynamically linked destination object associated [with] for each one of the selected plurality of digitally stored objects all together; and

simultaneously displaying all together each one of the retrieved associated destination objects.

28. (AMENDED) The method according to Claim 27, wherein a different check box is associated with each one of the plurality of digitally stored objects[,] and,

said selecting step comprises the steps of:

selecting each one of the plurality of digitally stored objects [being selected] one

at a time by using a computer input device to invoke a different check box such that a check appears in the check box[,]; and

said retrieving step includes the step of:

invoking a submit button [then being invoked] using the input device to retrieve and simultaneously display the associated destination objects.

29. (AMENDED) The method according to Claim 27, wherein [a computer mouse having a button is used to select the plurality of digitally stored objects and to retrieve the associated destination objects,]

said selecting step comprises the step of:

selecting each one of the plurality of digitally stored objects [being selected] one at a time by using a [the] computer mouse to point to a different token link associated with each different one of the plurality of digitally stored objects and single clicking a [the] computer mouse button[,]; and

said retrieving step comprises the step of:

[then] after all of the digitally stored objects have been selected, double clicking the computer mouse button to retrieve and simultaneously display the associated objects.

30. (AMENDED) The method according to Claim 27, wherein a computer mouse having a first button and a second button is used to select the plurality of digitally stored objects and to retrieve the associated destination objects,

said selecting step comprises the step of:

selecting each one of the plurality of digitally stored objects [being selected] one

at a time by pointing to a different token link associated with each different one of the plurality of digitally stored objects and clicking [the] a first computer mouse button while holding down [the] a second computer mouse button, and said retrieving step comprises the step of:

[then] after all of the digitally stored objects have been selected, clicking the first computer mouse button without holding the second computer mouse button to retrieve and simultaneously display the associated objects.

31. (AMENDED) The method according to Claim 27, wherein primarily textual content associated with each one of the retrieved associated objects is [intelligently] sub-framed.

32. (AMENDED) A system for displaying content viewed on a display device, comprising:

an electronic document page displaying simultaneously together a plurality of scrolling sub-framed arrays, each sub-framed array containing a plurality of thumbnails, each sub-framed array able to be independently and selectively stopped [or] and scrolled at a selective speed by a viewer or website operator.

34. (AMENDED) The system according to Claim 32, wherein each sub-framed array includes a progress bar indicating how much of the total array has been viewed, the bar also indicating the beginning and end of the sub-framed array.

35. (AMENDED) The system according to Claim 32, wherein when a viewer moves a cursor to a thumbnail of interest, the sub-framed array stops rolling and high level information regarding the thumbnail appears in a dialog box positioned approximate to the thumbnail of interest.

40. (AMENDED) The system according to Claim 32, wherein when a viewer removes a cursor from a thumbnail, the sub-framed array in which the thumbnail resides resumes scrolling.

41. (AMENDED) The system according to Claim 32, wherein the position of [the sub-frame relative to] the thumbnail relative to the sub-frame array is selectively controllable by the viewer or a website operator.

43. (AMENDED) The system according to Claim 32, wherein the [display] page can display any desired number of [sub-frames] sub-frame arrays of interest, the [sub-frames] sub-frame arrays able to be manually or automatically extended beyond the screen, scrolled horizontally and vertically, or resized so that all of the [sub-frames] sub-frame arrays are viewable.

44. (AMENDED) The system according to Claim 32, wherein [sub-frames] sub-frame arrays that have been selected can be enlarged and can include transactional commands to process a commercial transaction.

45. (AMENDED) The system according to Claim 32, wherein the thumbnails [displays]
display advertising.